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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL - DRAFT RESOLUTION ON COMPOSITION

OF THE SECRETARIAT

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1. JOHN SYMONS OF FCO UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT HAS TOLD US THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE ENTIRELY AGREES WITH U.S. RESERVATIONS ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH THREE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SENIOR POSITIONS OF THE UN SECRETARIAT (REFTEL). FCO ALSO HAS RESERVATIONS ON PARAGRAPH TWO AND WILL SEEK CLARIFICATION "SO THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' CLAIM TO SENIOR POSTS IS NOT LARGER THAN THEIR OVERALL CLAIM AS SET OUT IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONE." FINALLY, THE FOREIGN OFFICE WISHES TO EXCLUDE THE

WORDS "ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER" APPEARING IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH NINE.

2. SYMONS SAID CURRENT HMG THINKING IS THAT UKUN SHOULD AIM FOR THE DELETION OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH THREE AND IDEALLY SOME AMENDMENT TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH TWO. SUBJECT TO THOSE CHANGES, THE UK WOULD RELUCTANTLY BE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH THE RESOLUTION. SYMONS NOTED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE RESOLUTION AND THAT UKUN WILL NOT TAKE ACTION UNTIL IT HAS A BETTER IDEA OF THE FINAL TEXT.

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